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Western Guard shows true colors at rally featuring Jewish speaker

By JERRY GLADMAN

TORONTO –

It was an exercise in utter futility; a miserable failure for the right wing, anti-Semitic tinged Western Guard, and a poor showing by a naive member of the militant Jewish Defence League.

The Western Guard, formerly the Edmund Burke Society, announced with great fanfare that it planned to hold a public meeting to discuss such items as Jews and Communism, Jews and Christianity, Jews and Race Mixing and Jews and Money.

The special guest speaker for the meeting in the Latvian Hall, College St., said the Western Guard handbill, was to be none other than Al Applebaum, Toronto pharmacist and member of the Jewish Defence League. Advance publicity was concentrated in North York and Forest Hill in the hope of getting a Jewish turnout.

The Western Guard came prepared with loaded questions, documents and pictures to throw at Applebaum. He came unprepared, but with an earnest desire – as he said later – "to make them think a little." The Guard failed to get the hoped-for turnout of listeners or to harvest any dividends from its staged confrontation.

Subtracting the reporters and photographers and one or two independent observers, and the total attendance amounted to 24 people seated among a small sea of empty chairs. The fact that all 24 were Guard members made the evening a total loss. It was a case of preaching to the converted.

As for "making them think a little," Applebaum proved no match for the curves thrown at him, though he tried manfully to move from defence to offence.

Most of the questions were clearly anti-Semitic in tone and phraseology. Here were some of them:

Why are Jewish publishers and film makers trying to propagandize and emotionally stir up the public by publishing stories and making movies against the Germans for the massacre of Jews? Why do Jews hate all Germans?

Why is the media controlled by Jews? Why do we hear only Western Zionist propaganda about Jews in Russia? Why are newspapers here serviced by the Reuters News Agency which is Jewish-owned?

Why is there only publicity about Jews wanting to get out of Russia? The Jews are among the elite in Russia and there are hundreds of Jewish generals and ministers.

Why are the Jews behind McGovern? If he becomes president he will be the first Communist president in U.S. history.

Geza Matrai, who gained prominence when he attacked Soviet Premier Kosygin during the latter's visit to Canada last winter, asked Applebaum if the Western Guard and the Jewish Defence League could band together to fight communism.

"We could never join forces as long as your aim is to change the political structure of Canada," Applebaum said. "The Jews are not interested in that."

Later, Applebaum told **The CJN**, "I wanted to show them I wasn't afraid. I wanted to try and erase a solid amount of bigotry by giving intelligent questions to answers."

One of the observers who sat through the whole shabby affair commented, "Applebaum had to be pretty naive to think that he could move a bunch like that. It's shameful for a group claiming to defend Jews to permit themselves to create a crowd for an anti-Semitic organization."

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Recommendations of camp study were ignored, claims director

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –

A two-year-old self-study of the Jewish community camps has provoked anger from a camp director because he claims the study's recommendations have all but been ignored.

"One of the critical points in the report," said Joe Friedman, executive - director of Camp Wooden Acres, "was the integration of the three camps into a central board or coordinating committee so that they would be more efficiently run without the duplication of services that takes place.

"Moreover, one of the principles enunciated in the study was that the camps would serve the community as a whole in order that our children not be divided in terms of their socio-economic status as they are now."

Friedman said the average fee for attending the three camps – Wooden Acres, B'nai B'rith, and the "Y" camp – is about $70 a week.

Some 100% of the campers attending B'nai B'rith are subsidized to some degree, while about 10% of the campers attending Wooden Acres pay the full fee. The "Y" camp accepts almost all of its campers at the full fee, although the camp does offer many scholarships.

According to the study – which was chaired by Hillel Becker and composed of camp and AJCS representatives – parents have the option of sending their children to one of the three camps, and traditionally, "the poor children go to B'nai B'rith, the ones in the middle to Wooden Acres, and the most privileged to the "Y" camp."

"There is little question," asserts the study, "that the three camps are stigmatized in the community as "scholarship camps for the poor" with the "Y" camp set aside for the more affluent who can afford to pay the full camp fee."

The report states that the "situation prevents the proper integration of people in the total Jewish community."

"Kids learn best, from an educational point of view," said Friedman, "when they are not separated as to social class. A youngster from Cote des Neiges can teach as much to a kid from Hampstead – and vice-versa."

The study added that "the segmentation of the community is emphasized by the character and structure of camping in Montreal and is reinforced by it. This has resulted in a number of inequalities and deprivations."

"The committee recommended that the camps not be set along economic divisions," said Friedman, "but along age and functional differences, with younger children being grouped at Wooden Acres and B'nai

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100 years of activity

Eichel Silverman had a birthday party at the Y camp on Lake Simcoe, near Barrie, the other day, and his birthday cake had the figure 100 on it. He was born in Rumania in 1872, came to Canada in 1907, and worked at tailoring for many years. With him are some of his great-grandchildren, Shelly Schwartz, 12, (left) Faith Silverman, 14 (right) and Jeffrey and Allan Schwartz.

Mixed marriages problem for press

By RICHARD YAFFE

NEW YORK (JCNS) –

Names make news – and circulation, a fact to which no editor of an Anglo-Jewish newspaper in America is blind. Hence the "society" pages filled with engagements and pictures of the happy brides-to-be, to be repeated when the happy event comes off, births, Bar Mitzvahs and the myriad of social events which fill the lives of the Jewish distaff side.

But what do you do about mixed marriages, those where the non-Jewish partner has not converted? Do you ignore them? What with the growing rate of intermarriages and the number of rabbis, overwhelmingly in the Reform camp, willing to perform them – some 40%, according to a recent study – wedding newspaper announcements have become a problem for the newspapers, and some have made a decision.

The Detroit Jewish News, for example, has decided to publish news of mixed marriages, but not pictures of the bride. **The Jewish News** of Newark has decided not to publish any news of such marriages, but with a proviso: It will take the word of the bride, bridegroom or parent, "whoever is most accessible," as to the "Jewishness of the bride of both partners of the marriage." If any of these say that both the man and woman are Jews,

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Union of Orthodox rabbis criticized

JERUSALEM (JTA) –

The chairman of the World Mizrachi – Hapoel Hamizrachi movement lashed out at the Union of Orthodox rabbis of the U.S. and Canada for an advertisement it published in the New York Yiddish daily **Forward** attacking Israel's National Religious Party for its abstention in the July 12 Knesset vote on the "Who is a Jew?" issue.

Rabbi Zemah Zambrowsky, in a statement issued here, denied categorically that Israel's Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Issar Yehuda Unterman had issued a ruling to the NRP to vote for the Agudat Israel measure that would have made halachic (religious law) conversions mandatory for prospective immigrants, as the ad claimed. The bill was decisively defeated in the Knesset with only one NRP member voting with its supporters.

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Reason for Soviet expulsion still big mystery for West

By DAVID LANDAU
JTA Correspondent

JERUSALEM (JTA) –

The Russians are going. Sadat has spoken, Golda Meir has spoken, and still it would be a rash man who claimed to know exactly what has taken place or who sought to predict the future with any degree of certainty. Mrs. Meir herself said in the Knesset "It is still premature to make a reliable evaluation of the reasons, scope and result of this decision taken by the Egyptian government."

Just as the Israel government still feels itself, to some extent, in the dark, and not for want of assiduous watching and listening, so the U.S. too has not yet arrived at a final evaluation of the Soviet pullout and its possible repercussions. Washington has already had to retreat from Defense Secretary Laird's assessment last week that only 5,000 Russian servicemen would be involved in the withdrawal. A greater number have already left and more are still leaving.

The hasty and ignominious Soviet withdrawal, on President Sadat's embarrassingly peremptory orders, will surely not be the end of the episode. Many experienced political observers stressed as noteworthy Moscow's ominous silence following Sadat's sudden public ouster of the Russian advisors and experts.

Only several days after the Egyptian President's announcement did the official Soviet news media record briefly that the advisors were returning home from Egypt on the conclusion of their assignments. There was no response in the Soviet press to Sadat's accusations that the Russians had failed him; no counter-charges, no retorts in kind.

Veteran Russia-watchers say this initial silence bodes a massive retaliation in the future: a planned retaliation, calculated to hurt Sadat more than any immediate exchange of angry rhetoric could do.

On the other hand, the experts could be wrong: The Soviets may decide to forego a vengeful reaction against Sadat in the interests of their wider strategic position in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Whatever the Soviets' intentions, the U.S. is hardly likely to attempt to exploit their discomfiture in Egypt, at least not in the near future. at least not in the near future. Even those factions within American politics who would like to see the country's ties with the Arab world mended – the oil lobby and the State Department Arabists – are reportedly counselling caution and circumspection in any fence-mending attempts with Egypt.

on the wire

Israel joins world telephone link-up

JERUSALEM – President Nixon and Premier Golda Meir exchanged warm greetings via telephone satellite last week, the occasion being Israel's link-up with the worldwide satellite communications system. This will permit direct telephone dialing overseas and allow Israelis to view live television shows from abroad. Israel also will receive nightly European newscasts to be beamed to Israel from Paris via satellite.

Shapiro's light sentence

LONDON – Gabriel Shapiro, the Soviet Jew whose American bride was prevented from entering Russia, has been sentenced to one year's correctional work, a sentence which carries no loss of freedom. His wife says she will go to live in Russia, if allowed, to be with her husband.

Jew gets high post

SOFIA – A 41-year-old Tel Aviv-born engineer has been appointed the first assistant minister of the Bulgarian department for building and building materials. He is Oved Leon Tagger, whose family was expelled from Israel in 1934 for pro-communist activities.

White House silent

WASHINGTON – The White House has decided not to react publicly to developments between the Soviet Union and Egypt, for the time being at least. This decision reflects the view that Soviet-Egyptian tension has not yet run its full course.

Continue liberal policy

JERUSALEM – Interior Minister Yosef Burg told the Knesset that he intends to maintain his liberal policy with regard to granting Israel citizenship to applicants not covered by the Law of Return. He warned that foreigners who traffic in drugs would be expelled.

They want to emigrate

Soviet Jews 'brutally treated'

LONDON (JCNS) –

The harassment of Soviet Jews prominent in the struggle for the right to emigrate to Israel took a turn for the worse last week when several who dared to appeal to the authorities were brutally treated, writes the JCNS East Europe correspondent.

An example is the way the Soviet authorities and police treated Mrs. G. Kisina-Markman, the wife of Vladimir Markman, a 34-year-old Sverdlovsk senior programming engineer, who is to be tried soon on charges of alleged anti-Soviet activity.

Dissatisfied with the Sverdlovsk lawyers, Mrs. Markman sought the services of a Moscow advocate to defend her husband and six offered to do so until the Moscow Collegium of Lawyers prohibited this.

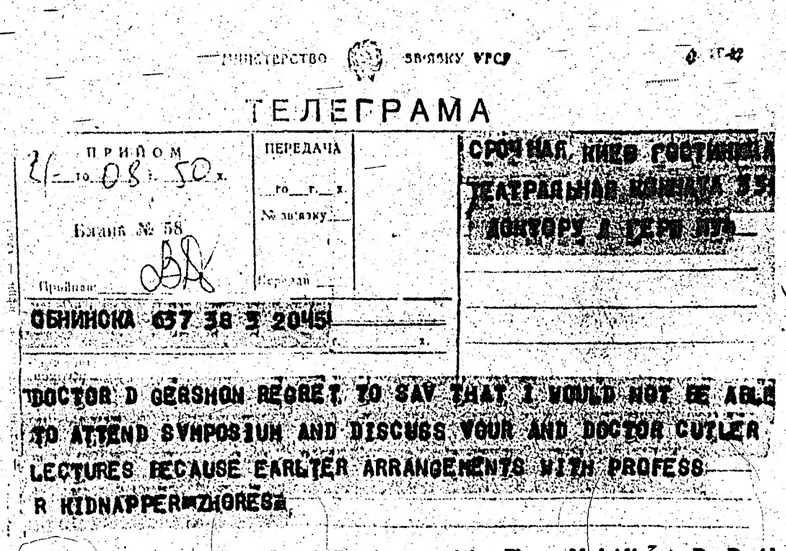
In protest against the prohibition, Mrs. Markman began a fast in the reception room of the offices of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party in Moscow and wrote to Roman Rudenko, the Procurator-General. She was joined in her fast by two Moscow Jews, Mrs. Ida Nudel and Vladimir Zaslavsky and the next day by two more, Yuli Veksler and Mikhail Babel, a writer recently dismissed from his job after applying to emigrate to Israel.

All four supporters sent a protest letter to Leonid Brezhnev, the Secretary-General of the Soviet Communist Party, the "disappearance" of Veksler and Babler during the day caused concern among Moscow Jews but they were later released by the authorities.

Filatov, the reception room's director, ordered the detention of Mrs. Markman who was taken to the Butyrki prison in Moscow. There she was searched and her wedding ring and a Star of David were impounded. Later the authorities decided to send her back to Sverdlovsk under police surveillance.

Five Moscow Jews staged a fast at the weekend in protest against the detention of Mrs. Markman who is in poor health. Boris, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Markman has been a hospital patient for six months.

Markman was arrested in Sverdlovsk, allegedly for insulting a woman in the street. Now it is known that he is being charged with "anti-Soviet activities." He was one of 10 Sverdlovsk Jews who signed a letter of protest against the convictions of 11 people in the first "hijacking" trial in Leningrad in December, 1970.



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This is a telegram sent by a Jewish Russian geneticist, Zhores Medvidiev, to Dr. David Gershon, of the Haifa Technion, saying that he will not be able to attend a science symposium in Kiev because of his earlier arrangements with "Professor Kidnapper." The word kidnapper got by the Russian censor. It was learned that a few hours after sending the telegram, the kidnapping by secret police occurred. (IPPA Photo)

Organizations and People

Some of the 350 cameras in the Gilbert collection, reputed to be the largest in Canada. (Gilbert Studio Photo)

Cameras on parade

They're all antiques, but they work

By GARY LAFORET
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –

Almost every commercial photographer has a few old cameras lying around but Al Gilbert has more than 350 genuine antiques – and they all work.

The award-winning internationally known Gilbert began the collection years ago in the hope that his son Michael would become interested in photography and follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

Gilbert's hopes came true and today, at 21, Michael is a professional photographer who spends part of his time maintaining the cameras in the collection begun by his father.

"Any of these can still be used. I make the film for them, myself," Michael says, gesturing to the polished wooden shelves packed with cameras of every age, shape and description.

By using old photography texts and manuals, he's not only able to make old film, but needed repairs as well for the different cameras.

And there are a lot of different cameras.

Thought to be the largest collection in Canada, it includes all three Hasselblads, including the original model signed by the good doctor himself; a brass lantern slide projector dating back to 1876 and the press camera used by the late John Boyd, the original news photographer at **The Globe.**

Although some people, like John Boyd, have willed their cameras to the Gilberts or just brought them to the studio straight from the attic, most of the better ones have been encountered while travelling.

Though managing his modern Eglinton Ave. studio and serving such high-powered clients as the Israel tourist office – who have just hired him for a 10-day photographic safari of Israel – keeps him busy, Al Gilbert still finds time to lecture photography groups in the U.S. and Canada.

He says the lectures – which he often does for free – have paid off with a number of interesting additions to his collection.

"You never know what you'll run into," he says. "We picked up a stereoscope in Jersey that has the original glass slides of President McKinley's inauguration."

An old wooden box Kodak – the 685th ever made–was another discovery they found in Memphis, Tennessee.

Almost as impressive as his collection of cameras, is Al Gilbert's collection of Israeli stamps. Before he stopped collecting them about five years ago, he had every one from 1948 on.

Needless to say his favorite is the commemorative stamp of the late Premier Levi Eshkol, for which he took the picture.

But collecting stamps is relatively easy when compared to the time, work and space involved in collecting antique cameras, film and equipment and displaying it properly.

Why then do they go to the trouble?

As Michael puts it: "When customers come in, they can see we really love photography and we're not just interested in making money."

London rabbi denounces Zionists' 'autocratic' move

By RABBI DAVID KIRSHENBAUM

In the last issue of **The Canadian Zionist** appears a call for nominations for the forth-coming 3rd Biennial Convention Canadian Zionist Federation to be held in Ottawa, and which states there will be no nominations for National Officers, from the floor, at the convention.

It would be interesting to know who determined this autocratic ruling. I have attended Zionist Conventions since the 20's, and never do I recall nominations for national officers being made by sending in names of members in regional office. The procedure was always a democratic one.

The convention appointed a nomination committee, and they brought in a slate of officers, this followed by nominations from the floor. We are living in a democratic society, where governments are elected by the consent of the people, and not by a few individuals. Democracy is one of the basic principles of Jewish life. Who gave the Canadian Zionist Confederation the authority to make a decision which is not in accord with the Zionist Constitution?

How many of the delegates will take the time to fill out the nomination form if they are willing to accept a position in the Canadian Zionist Confederation, and those who will, are they competent and possess the qualities necessary to fill this position? By taking away from the delegates the authority to nominate from the floor convention you rob them of the individual privileges of which they are entitled as representatives of their organizations or communities.

I have opposed in the beginning the idea of the Zionist Organization becoming a part of the confederation. I have predicted that this affiliation will lead to the abolition of the Zionist identity, and to a autocratic regime.

The ruling of the leaders of the Confederation in prohibiting the delegates to make nominations from the floor shows not only the Canadian Zionist Organization has lost its autonomy, but also lost the most important ideal of all, that being the peoples democratic organization.

As a long-life Zionist, I strongly oppose this non-democratic ruling.

Camp study recommendations

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B'rith, and the teenagers at the "Y" camp."

He said that since there is a division of camps, there is a duplication of services as well as a duplication of professional and volunteer resources. Although the camps' purpose is "fairly similar", their administrative roles are done separately.

Friedman said there are 9,200 camper weeks in each season for the three camps, and although the senior camper population is two and a half times as large as the juvenile population, there are only 700 camper weeks for the elderly.

At the Laurentian Fresh Air Camp, 96% of the elderly campers pay less than 25% of the full week fee.

The report asserted that "the demand for camping for the aged will increase in the foreseeable future and therefore need for expansion of the present inadequate facilities is necessary."

According to Friedman the report was shelved because the segments of the community involved in camping consider the restructuring process an "erosion" of the presently existing boards.

Some consider that the "unique characteristics" of the respective camps would be altered as a result of the proposed changes, and are concerned with maintaining the camps "image".

Orthodox rabbis

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Rabbi Zambrowsky's statement noted that the Sephardic Chief Rabbi, Yitzhak Nissim, and Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, son of the late Chief Rabbi Ahraham Isaac Kook, and "other eminent rabbinic scholars urged against voting for the bill," an act that could have brought down the coalition. Chief Rabbi Unterman, an NRP member for over 50 years, wrote to the NRP in favor of the bill on the eve of the voting but stressed that he was only advising, not issuing a halachic injunction, Rabbi Zambrowsky said.

In New York, Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, defended the NRP against attacks by other Orthodox groups for its abstention. "I have been very critical of the NRP leadership recently. Since I have been critical when I thought criticism was warranted, I must also voice praise when it's called for. The NRP's abstention on the recent motion by Agudah Knesset member (Shlomo) Lorincz took great courage," Rabbi Bernstein said in a statement issued here.

Mixed marriages

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then the notice will be published.

One wonders what the strict Halachists will say to that. That is what the fight in Israel is all about: The refusal of the chief rabbinate to accept the statement "I am a Jew" as proof of Jewishness. Halacha holds that only those who are born of Jewish mothers or have been converted are Jews.

The Detroit Jewish News, in reporting the matter, said that it learned that "great pressure" had been put on the Newark newspaper which is owned by the Community Council of Essex County, N.J. to liberalize its policy on publication of mixed marriages. The parents, not the couples, were exercising the pressure. Harry Weingast, the editor, said that it was his experience that the young people are not terribly concerned whether their marriages, mixed or not, are reported in the press. It is the parents who want to see these notices.

Prior to the new policy, which was approved at a meeting of newspaper's boards of trustees by a 6-4 vote, with one abstention, it had been the practice of the publication to refuse to print the announcement of any marriage performed by a Christian clergyman, even if the family offered to omit from the notice any reference to the officiating clergymen or place of marriage.

On the other hand, if the marriage was performed by a civil official, the notice would be carried on the rationale that conversion of the non-Jewish partner to Judaism was still a possibility. All engagement notices were printed as submitted without questioning the Jewishness of either partner or whether conversion was contemplated.

As for the **Detroit Jewish News,** whose editor is Phillip Slomovitz, the dean of Anglo-Jewish editors, its policy is that it will print both a story and a picture of a bride-elect if both parties are Jews. This holds true if a conversion has taken place, whether under Orthodox, Conservative or Reform auspices.

The newspaper assumes that conversion has taken place if the name of the officiating rabbi is included in the notice. Where conversion has not taken place, an announcement of an engagement or wedding will be published, but there will be no photograph.

"**The Jewish News** feels that it is completely within its rights to take a stand – however, symbolic – against intermarriage," the newspaper said. "At the same time, it does not wish to lock anyone out of the community by refusing to publish any announcement at all."

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Organizations and People

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by Miriam Herman

JEWISH STUDENT MAGAZINE

The Jewish student publication, **Masada**, has a new format! A magazine with a personal approach replaces the previous news-oriented paper. Geared to what students like to read, it will centre around seven motifs - the holocaust, Zionist history and philosophy, Israeli culture and politics, Jewish education, relationship between identity and apostasy, Jewish literature and art, and pre-Holocaust shtetle life. The magazine, a joint venture of Hillel at the University of Toronto and the Jewish Student Federation at York University, is to be distributed, free of charge, to all Jewish students (and is available by subscription to other than the students). According to Allan Morger, director of the Jewish Student Federation, help is needed to get the first edition ready for the Sept. 4 publication date. Staff writers, graphic artists, proof readers, copy editors, and ad salesmen, please contact the JSF office!

Morris Kaufman

TRUST OFFICERS MEET WITH UJWF

Twenty-five trust officers representing major trust companies in Metro Toronto in the field of estate planning attended a United Jewish Welfare Fund seminar recently. Under discussion was the UJWF bequest and endowment program. The purposes of the program and the funding and planning responsibility of the agency in the Jewish community were reviewed by Morris B. Kaufman, chairman of the bequest and endowment fund. Tax lawyer Wolfe D. Goodman discussed the effects of the federal and provincial tax legislation on charitable contributions in estate planning. The trust officers were also addressed by UJWF president Harry Wolfson who offered the services of the agency to trust companies in questions concerning institutions and agencies.

MIDRASHA L'MORIM

The Board of Jewish Education is once again sponsoring the program of the Toronto Midrasha L'Morim. It is a program of Judaic studies in Hebrew in such subjects as Bible, Prophets, Mishna, Jewish practice, Jewish history advanced Hebrew grammar and syntax, modern Hebrew literature and Midrash. Students pursuing studies on a matriculation basis may qualify for certification as teachers in the Toronto Jewish schools. There is no tuition fee for the Midrasha instruction. Classes are on Sunday afternoons and on Mondays through Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. You may call the Board of Jewish Education office for information, or for an appointment during August and September.

SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN

The Association of Moroccan Jews in Israel awarded 119 scholarships to Hebrew University students this year. Of the recipients, students from low income families in Israel's development areas, 74 are from Morocco, 40 from North African and Asian countries, and five from Poland, Russia and Rumania. Resources for the scholarships come from member organizations in Canada, Spain, France and other countries. The association hopes to build a similar fund for secondary school education to prepare university candidates.

ANIMAL WELFARE IN ISRAEL

SAWI, the Society for Animal Welfare in Israel, has been in existence in London, England, for the past 14 years. The movement was spearheaded by an English veterinary surgeon upon her return from a visit to Israel in 1957. Realizing that many of Israel's poor, Jew and Arab alike, depend on a horse-and-cart livelihood, she was concerned that little was being done for animal welfare. The society was founded with funds raised by Jews throughout the United Kingdom and under the patronage of some prominent figures in British Jewry. Its purpose is to help to establish and maintain animal welfare agencies and animal clinic and hospital facilities in Israel and to help educate children in animal welfare. Several SPCA's (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) have been established in Israel with the on-going support of the London-based organization.

HELP MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Volunteer drivers are needed for the Meals-On-Wheels program any weekday from 9:30 a.m. to approximately noon. Hot meals are delivered daily to elderly Jewish residents. If you can spare three hours of your day, please call Baycrest Centre.

SUMMER DANCE

The Sholom Social Club is having their summer dance on Sunday, Aug. 6, at 8 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

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For an artist whose talent lay dormant until five years ago, **Alice Winant** has done extremely well. She is one of Canada's busiest sculptors. **Pierre Elliot Trudeau** has one of her pieces, others are at the Musee Rodin in Paris and she has had exhibitions across North America. Rumanian born, she came to Canada in the early 1950's, after years spent in concentration camps of Europe. This was followed by two years of rehabilitation in a Stockholm hospital, flat on her back in a body cast from her shoulders to her knees. Although her interest in sculpting manifested itself when Swedish sculptor Carl Helwig visited her hospital bedside - he brought her some ceramic clay from which she moulded a little foot - her serious work dates from her marriage to Montreal building contractor Edward Winant seven years ago. Her sculptures are an expression of love and devotion. Her joy for life is shown in the pieces that are presently at Toronto's Roberts Gallery. They are mostly studies of mothers and children.

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Montreal cellist **Denis Brott** has won another award. His latest prize is the Debut Award of $1,000 in the cello class of the Young Musicians Foundation National Competition held in Los Angeles, recently. He competed against other young artists from the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan and Israel. The 21-year-old musician is currently studying with famed cellist **Gregor Piatigorsky**.

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After a three year tour of duty as political counsellor in the Israeli embassy in Ottawa, **Emanuel Shimoni** leaves Canada to become Consul General of Israel in Philadelphia. He and his wife Rayla and their two children are presently in Israel for a brief visit home before assuming his new post.

Sarnia-born mathematician **Melvin Berger** will be continuing his research in nonlinear problems of mathematical analysis (a relatively new mathematical field) under a grant from the United States Air Force. The research will be conducted at the Institute for Advance Study in Princeton, New Jersey where he has been named a visiting member for the 1972-73 academic year. A member of Yeshiva University's science faculty since 1969, Dr. Berger is a graduate of the University of Toronto and received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University.

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From the world of entertainment - dramatist **Charles Israel's** new play, **To Season With Time**, will be filmed in Toronto for Canadian television shortly. - Israeli actor **Yossi Yaden** takes over the role originally slated for **Zero Mostel** in the Canadian movie **Lies My Father Told Me** to be produced in Montreal early in September.

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Canadian Technion Society president **D. Lou Harris** was in Israel recently to attend the annual meeting of the International Board of Governors of the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology. Toronto civic and Jewish community leaders elected at that meeting to serve on the board are **Louis Lockshin**, as a member representing Canada; **Nicholas M. Munk**, re-elected as a Canadian member; and **Stephen Berger** and **Victor Sefton** as alternate members.

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Professor Aviv Melzer, coming to McGill University from the department of Hebrew at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis., is a specialist in current Hebrew literature.

Condensed curricula offers new possibilities

TORONTO -

North York Board of Education has approved a policy of encouraging its secondary schools to condense their curricula to allow able students time in which to develop their own special interests.

The proposal, first put forward by Trustee Saul Cowan, was sent to the board's staff for a feasibility report and the staff subsequently reported favorably on the plan. It calls for permitting students with good academic records to complete their daily school program on an accelerated time basis, leaving them free to pursue other specialized interests.

The staff report also recommended that secondary school personnel be encouraged to design and implement independent study programs within their schools.

"This approval may have special significance for students who would like to carry out Jewish studies in depth," said Mr. Cowan. "It may clear the way for such students to work toward their secondary graduate certificate in the morning and and pursue their Jewish studies in the afternoon."

The new proposal carries one step further a program already in effect in some high schools, though not on as extensive a basis as envisaged in North York. Cowan said he hoped teachers would not set too high an academic standard for students wishing to enter the shortened program because he felt the motivation engendered by having sufficient time during the day to develop special interests would induce many students to improve their work.

Advisory board named for community fund

MONTREAL -

Five former campaign chairmen have been named to an advisory board which will head up the annual fund raising effort of the 1972 Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund.

Seven advisors make up the board, including those who served as campaign chairmen in past years. They are Joe Ain (1971); Gordon Brown, (1961); Morley M. Cohen, (1969); Thomas O. Hecht, (1970); Arthur Pascal, (1960); and Boris G. Levine, past president of Allied Jewish Community Services, and Sam Steinberg, who has played a number of key leadership roles in past campaigns.

Announcement of the advisory board's composition was made by Nathan Scott, chairman, of the 1972 campaign, and honorary chairman Samuel Bronfman.

Metros host Tel Aviv team in international soccer game

TORONTO -

The Toronto Metros will wind up their series of international soccer games here next Wednesday when they host Israel's tough young Maccabi Tel Aviv team at Varsity Stadium.

The international Israeli team is in top form for their first-ever match with the Metros, after recently winning Israel's national championship for the 16th time.

Metros' General Manager Jack Daley - whose team hasn't fared too well this year, managing only a 0-0 draw in five international games - said he couldn't predict the outcome of the match but described Maccabi Tel Aviv as a "very good club because of its nucleus of the National team."

The team presently has 11 players listed on the National A, or youth, team.

The Israeli team is a relatively young one and two of it's players - both fullbacks - are only 18 years old.

Two players to watch for are inside forward Giora Spiegel, the team's top scorer and Zvi Rosen, who heads the Israeli club's defence.

Both 25 years old, they have competed in more than three dozen international matches and played for Israel at the World Cup tournament in Mexico two years ago.

Giora Spiegel

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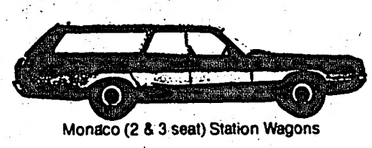

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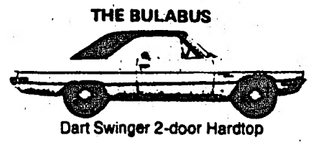

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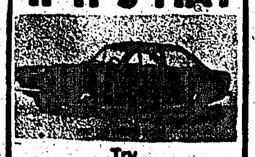

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Is higher education a liability in brewing crisis of employment?

There is something unsettling in the knowledge that there are unemployed Ph.Ds. After several decades in which the college degree was an automatic guarantee of a decent job and a superior income, we are now compelled to wonder whether a college education is worth the effort.

Some youngsters are even insisting that college is a handicap. "As soon as you tell them you went to college, they turn you down because you are over-trained," one said.

Are they correct? Is it best to drop out of school and find a job? Will they in the end be as happy and as prosperous driving a truck as they would have been earning a degree?

There are no pat answers and hunches aren't good enough.

There is clearly a crisis brewing in the field of employment which will drastically affect the Jewish community and for which we are completely unprepared.

Economists predict that the 1970's will be a period of strong economic growth accompanied by an extensive growth of the work force. For example, in the U.S., the labor force - those who are working and those seeking work - is expected to number more than 100 million workers by 1980, an increase of 15 million in ten years.

The largest number of employment opportunities will tend to be in the service producing industries. The United States entered the post World War II period with more workers producing goods than providing services. Service producing industries - government, transportation, public utilities, trade, finance, services and real estate - took the lead in the number of jobs in the 50's and raced ahead of goods in the 60's.

The relative number of young people in our population will decline. The dramatic increase in the 70's will be among young adults 25-34 years of age, those entering their prime working years. Unemployment which has become more common for 16-24 year olds, did not have as drastic an effect as it will have on those entering their prime working years and preparing to support families.

Those who were born during the World War II baby boom were teenagers in the 60's. They crowded into high schools and colleges or sought their first jobs. As young adults in the 70's they will comprise almost half our work force.

The baby boom over and the birth rate declining means that our school populations will shrink. As a result we will have too many teachers, university professors, paediatricians, toy manufacturers and five bedroom homes.

How will this affect the Jewish population? We can be sure of one thing, namely that in order to have a chance at the professional and managerial jobs, Jews will continue to remain in school and collect degrees. But, they will no longer be going into family businesses or remaining self-employed.

Future job opportunities will be with government, the major corporations, banks and utilities. However, all of these are areas in which Jews have traditionally been barred. When we examine the airlines, insurance companies, the petro-chemical industry, lumber and mining we see very little sign of Jewish participation.

Unless we crack these industries now, our children are certain to have difficulty in the future.

We need to put researchers at work delving into the underlying reasons why Jews have looked elsewhere for careers. Did they turn away because of lack of interest or because the door was closed to them?

Most of all, we need occupational information. We need studies and analyses that will permit us to deal with the facts and recognize the trends. At present, such information is nowhere available in Canada, neither from Jewish or non-Jewish agencies. We should lose no time in remedying this regrettable situation.

Let us meet as equals, Meir urges, but Sadat rebuffs peace talk offer

The wave of realism that appears to be spreading over many areas of the Middle East with respect to the fact of Israel's existence, has not touched President Anwar Sadat. The Egyptian leader still continues in his sword-rattling role and mouthing threats of spilling a river of Jewish blood unless Israel surrenders to his demands and withdraws from occupied lands.

The new sense of realism is to be found in Lebanon where the government has muzzled the guerillas who had been using Lebanese territory for terrorist attacks on Israel border areas. Even Syria, perhaps the most virulent of Israel's foes, now appears to have accepted the unpalatable fact that the Egyptian and Syrian armies are no match for Israel's armed forces and that war would be a catastrophe for them.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Adam Malik is urging the Arab nations to accept the fact of Israel's existence and negotiate with her. But President Sadat doesn't see it that way and he made this all too clear in his reply to Prime Minister Golda Meir's appeal to him following the announcement of the expulsion of the Russian advisors.

Mrs. Meir could not have been more direct in her urging for a conference table confrontation. Let us meet and talk as equals and you will not find us inflexible, she said. It was a dramatic speech she made to the Knesset, one that should have brought a response in kind from the Egyptian president. However, he saw fit to spurn the overture and asserted that Allah would give victory to those who believe in him.

Sadat's position is verging on the desperate; many of the army generals want him to attack Israel and they are threatening him with a coup unless he gives the word. On the other hand, civilian advisors are urging him to avoid a war they know he can't win. The Egyptian leader's hold on the affections of the population is nowhere near as strong as that possessed by the late President Nasser.

It is often said that there is no real winner in war; that victor and vanquished both lose. This would be only too true in the Middle East. Should he use his new-found freedom from Soviet restraint to embark on a foolhardy military adventure, Sadat will have a place in history as a man who brought ruin to his nation and to other nations because he lacked the courage to walk the road of peace.

The dividends to be gained from a settlement of the problems plaguing the Middle East are so enormous as to dazzle the mind with their potential. Peace would bring a new dimension of living to the Arab world where it is so urgently needed. An inkling of this has already been given to Arabs on the West Bank whose living standards have far outdistanced their compatriots elsewhere, thanks to Israel's policies.

The United Nations has shown itself incapable of dealing effectively with Middle East problems and there is no reason to believe it will do better in future. Israel has written off the UN as a constructive force and has not hesitated to say so openly.

So if common sense and enlightened self interest fails to surface in the Arab world, despite the new realism, then the outlook is a sombre one. The next move is Sadat's and time is running very short.

Ice cream, Stanfield and the voters

The question before the house is simply this: If a man can't relate to an ice cream cone, can he relate to the Canadian people whom he aspires to lead after the next general election?

We refer to **The Globe and Mail's** front page picture of Robert Stanfield tackling an ice cream cone as though it had been dipped in vinegar. The estimable Mr. Stanfield whom we greatly admire for many sterling qualities, is on the campaign trail and eating ice cream and hamburgers and kissing babies is considered a must by the backroom boys.

Mr. Stanfield's excellent qualities don't include charisma, a word that emerged from obscurity when Pierre Elliot Trudeau dazzled his way onto the political scene. The leader of all the Progressive Conservatives - well, nearly all of them - looked mighty uncomfortable holding that ice cream cone. He looked unhappy, preoccupied and distraught and one gets the impression from the picture that eating an ice cream cone is not his cup of tea, if one is permitted to mix things up a little.

Canadians like ice cream. They eat tons of it in all its flavors. They look happy when they eat the stuff. Mr. Stanfield didn't, and so that newspaper picture won't get him any votes from ice cream lovers.

Now, if Pierre had been snapped eating ice cream. . . .

Drama born of war

An Arab prays for Jewish son in fiction-like story

By ARTHUR GARMAISE

TEL AVIV -

They say that in Israel, every person is a world; a novel. Here is the story of one Arab who sits in the shadows of the marketplace at Shechem (Nablus) that came to light this week. It could only have happened in Israel and Jordan and amid conflicts of our times.

In 1940, at the time of the British mandate, this Arab, educated and handsome, met a Jewish girl from Syria who had just come to Palestine as an Olah Chadasha (recent immigrant). They fell in love, married, and had a son in 1941. In 1942, they realized that their backgrounds were too diverse for a viable marriage and separated. By Moslem law, the mother was given custody of the child for the first seven years.

When the time came for the child to be given over to the father, the War of Independence had already made contact between the parents impossible; she was in Israel at a place unknown to him and he was in Jordan. He saw his duty and joined the Arab Legion, rising to the rank of major.

Yearning to know what had happened to his son, he continued his search, despite the hostilities. His contact with Israelis was discovered by the Jordanian authorities in 1953 and he was accused of dealing with the enemy in time of war. The sentence - death.

Through the intervention of King Hussein, the military sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. The prisoner bombarded the monarch and members of the Jordanian government, cabinet and parliament with letters protesting his innocence. (Ironically, his appeal for justice was done by analogy, comparing his own case to that of Capt. Dreyfus). Judgments of a military court in Jordan are subject neither to appeal nor to over-ruling, but a re-examination of the evidence led King Hussein in 1963 to order his release. He moved to Nablus.

The Six Days' War and occupation of the West Bank by Israel enabled the father to continue his search again after 1967. He devoted his life to the search and finally, five years later, in the summer of 1972, learned what had happened.

The son of his Jewish mother was brought up in Israel as a Jew, completed his primary and high school education and had volunteered in the Army. By the time the father had learned of his whereabouts, the son had become a career officer and today holds the rank of major in the Israeli army, just as his father had held that rank in the Jordanian army.

In any other career but one having to do with security, the connection between the two would not have impaired the son's chances of advancement, but the father realized that the disclosure might affect the son's life. Although his 30-year search had finally been crowned with success, he could not, out of consideration and desire for his son's happiness, bring himself to tell him or anyone else having to do with the Israeli army, the secret of his son's origins. Until the story came to light this week (with complete anonymity preserved) only a few Arab friends of the ex-Legion major knew of it. The son still does not know (although there may be a few majors who have been told stories of their fathers' early deaths who may be wondering).

Thus it happens that in Nablus, in the mosque near the marketplace, there are prayers each day to Allah to preserve and make happy the life of an Israeli major, known and loved by his father, who will die anonymous, and whose life and fate were moulded by the wars of our times.

The Russians are going!, The Russians are going!

Sadat must search for new alliances if dreams of glory are to be fulfilled

By SOL I. LITTMAN

For some time Egyptian strategists have shared two simultaneous dreams of glory both of which have had a compelling influence on the Arab mind.

One dream is of an Egyptian offensive across the Suez canal that would drive the Israelis out of the Sinai. Both U.S. and Russian military authorities scoff at Egypt's present chances of success. They contend that Arab forces cannot win against the better trained and better equipped Israelis. However, Arab planners generally impatient with facts, have not been entirely unrealistic.

They visualize the Egyptians armed with offensive missiles and advanced MiG's driving the Israelis from the skies. By launching a surprise attack they could gain a series of victories that would take them at least to Beersheba before the Jewish forces could counterattack effectively. At this point, they would graciously accept the demand of the U.N. for a ceasefire and as victors negotiate from a position of strength. If there is to be "no peace, no war" it would then be on Arab terms.

How frustrating then to have the Russians refuse to provide the necessary weapons or to be party to the sneak attack.

The other dream is of a diplomatic tour-de-force such as Nasser achieved when the British, French and Israelis quietly departed after the Suez campaign of 1956.

To win the war, even though losing the battle has been the hope of Arab leaders from 1967 onward. How frustrating then to deal with stubborn Israelis who refuse to repeat the withdrawal imposed on them in '56. How frustrating to encounter a quality of Israeli conviction strong enough to confound the efforts of the USSR and the U.S.A. to impose a settlement.

To achieve either the military or the diplomatic dream would ensure for Sadat the undisputed leadership of the Arab world. To fail in both leaves him lurching about grotesquely, like a novice ice skater trying to maintain his balance.

Sadat has had a difficult time maintaining himself in power. He was fearful that the anniversary of the 1952 Egyptian revolution last July 23 would see him the victim of yet another uprising.

The Egyptian president has alienated nearly all of the leaders of the army coup led by Gamal Nasser. Most of the Free Officers

In earlier times: Sadat and Brezhnev embrace

group that put Farouk out of office, ranging from Aly Sabry on the left to Sarwat Okasha on the right are either in prison or in disgrace.

The Jewish Observer and Middle East Review has reported that in order to demonstrate that he alone is Nasser's true heir, Sadat has invited Nasser's eldest son, 22 year old Khaled, to join his entourage. However, Khaled, fearful of being identified with Sadat has declined.

Sadat has been continuously bedevilled by opposition from both left and right. Hard core leftists in the universities and factories have demanded the fulfillment of the Egyptian socialist revolution which has remained more a slogan than a reality in so-called revolutionary Arab countries. There were serious student riots in Egypt this year and Premier Sidky's car was stoned by workers in a Cairo suburb.

But Sadat's strongest opposition comes from the right wing groups that run Egypt's government and economic affairs. They have issued anti-Soviet literature, launched press campaigns critical of the Russians. In order to reassure the Russians, Sadat was compelled to crack down on the right wing several times but they always resurfaced.

Typically, Ali Sabry and other pro-Soviet leaders languish in prison while right wing opponents have merely been dismissed from their posts.

The strongest fear of a coup d'etat came from highly conservative, nationalist army forces allied with the civilian right wing.

War Minister Mohammed Sadeq was highly vocal in his opposition to Soviet military penetration of the country. It is no secret that Sadeq clashed with the head of the Soviet advisors in Egypt and that airforce officers refused to cooperate on occasion with their Russian counterparts. Aside from ideological issues it had become obvious to Egyptian army officers that their country had escaped from British imperialism only to become enmeshed by Soviet imperialism. Unless the Soviet forces could fulfill the Egyptian dream of a foray across the canal Sadat could no longer suffer their presence.

Sadat is still scurrying from side to side, unable to find a consistent line. He is now exploring financial support with Libya's President Muammar Kadhafi. He is hoping that he can receive new weapons from France and spare parts for his Russian equipment from Yugoslavia. By returning, ostensibly, to a policy of non-alignment he is hoping for a more influential relationship with the U.S.A. Somewhere, somehow, the dreams must be realized.

In the meantime, the policy of "no peace, no war" initiated by the Arabs has become a nightmare for them. Highly influential Hassanein Heikal, writing in Cairo's **Al-Ahram** on July 14, said, "Israel wants to divest the Arabs of their main weapon, which is the rejection of Israel." He points out that Israel's "open bridges policy" is bringing 150,000 Arabs a month on visits to Israel. He expresses the fear that the Arab world will begin taking the existence of Israel for granted. "This policy," Heikal says, "means exactly the process of divesting the Arabs of their weapon of rejecting Israel - a weapon stronger than aircraft, tanks and guns. . . ."

The absence of the Russians will not necessarily bring Egypt closer to peace. It will mark the beginning of a search for new allies, allies whose worth will be measured by how effectively they can compel Israel to retreat from the occupied territories or by the quality of the weapons they can deliver to launch a war.

Time, the Arabs feel is running out and the dream becoming more remote. Israel has used the time from the Six Day War to the present to build trade, improve its military forces and to establish lines of real understanding with Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza.

Soon the dream will no longer be possible and impossible dreams are seldom inspiring.

ask the rabbi

Human dignity reason given Jews buried without delay

1. Why are Jews who die buried so quickly as compared with others?

RESPONSE:

The law in Deuteronomy (21; 22-23) forbids the body of a criminal to be left unburied overnight. The rabbis understand the prohibition as extending to every corpse, not only that of a criminal. Hence the Jewish practice of burying the dead as soon as possible. In his commentary to the verse, Nachmanides argues that according to the rabbinic interpretation the meaning of the verse is that even the corpse of a criminal must not be left unburied because the Torah is concerned even for his dignity.

The reason for the prohibition, says Nachmanides, is that the corpse, which suffers decay, is a defacement of God's image and, out of respect for human dignity, should be hidden away as soon as possible. However, the rule is that if the purpose of postponing the funeral is in order to honor the deceased, to wait, for instance, until a larger gathering can be present to pay their respects, it is permitted.

2. What is Hafsakah; what is its significance and how is it calculated?

RESPONSE:

The term Hafsakah refers to the rule that on the fasts of the ninth of Av and Yom Kippur it is necessary to refrain from food some time before the actual fast begins formally - hence the term Hafsakah (literally "cessation," i.e. from eating and drinking). The Hafsakah is calculated so as to take place just before sunset.

Opinion

Anniversary of Shame

These were the innocent victims of Stalin's hatred

'The Jews of Canada mourn the loss of the giant figures of their literary past'-

Sydney M. Harris, Canadian Jewish Congress

By B. G. KAYFETZ

August 12th this year is the 20th anniversary of an event that marks the lowest point of the oppressive policies of the Soviet Union against Jewish identity and Jewish culture - the judicial killing in secret in 1952 of the country's leading Yiddish novelists, poets and essayists after four years of imprisonment and intense mental and physical torture.

The event - unlike the infamous "Doctors' Plot" which was widely proclaimed by the Moscow news services - was unannounced and unknown in the Soviet Union itself, let alone the outside world. It was the culmination of the oppression and suppression of Yiddish-language culture, a "proletarian" culture that the Soviet Union had always boasted that it favored and had actually promoted over the "bourgeois" Hebrew language.

In general it has been the "Doctor;s Plot", the alleged conspiracy of Jewish physicians and surgeons to assassinate Stalin "exposed" in the winter of 1953, that has symbolized the anti-Semitic madness that seized Stalin in his latter days. This, no doubt, is partly because of the diabolic and medievaly tinged well-poisoning and blood libel connotations of the charges and partly because of the wide publicity given to it by the Soviets themselves. But the murder of the writers was a more "meaningful" as well as a more bloodthirsty measure for the expression of the "death-wish" imposed on the Jewish of the Soviet Union.

For one thing the doctors were rescued by the fortuitous death of Stalin. The writers and artists had no such good fortune. After years of imprisonment, in the end they were ignominiously murdered, no one is quite sure where or how. Moreover, the physicians,

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though prominent professionally, did not represent in their persons and careers the historic yearnings and national impulses of their people as did the writers who, though bound by the straitjacket of Soviet policies, nevertheless created in a Jewish language and expressed some degree of Jewish hope and identity.

The victims

Who were they? The best known were:

Itzik Feffer, poet. He was a lieutenant colonel in the Red Army who had seen active service on the front in the Second World War. In 1943 he had been sent to North America as an emissary to the Jews of the world to plead for solidarity in the common cause against Nazi Germany. (He appeared that year before a mass audience in the Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto). A faithful Communist, he was the author of a poem dedicated to the praise of Stalin and his greatness.

Dovid Bergelson, novelist. The oldest of the group, he had started to write in Czarist times. He had chosen to cast his lot with the Soviet Union and by the 1930's was already regarded in the USSR and abroad as a classic prose writer.

Peretz Markish, poet, a handsome Byronesque figure who had lived abroad in Poland and Germany but responded to an invitation to settle in the USSR and help "build" Yiddish culture.

Der Nister, novelist. His name was a pseudonym meaning "The Hidden One". He lived up to his nom-de-plume by being out of sympathy with the political dictates imposed on writers and was out of favor in government circles for much of his career. In addition to novels he, too, was a consummate writer of children's books. He expired in prison prior to the execution of his colleagues.

Leib Kvitko a children's poet who was out of the USSR from 1920 to 1926 but came back. He, Markish and Dovid Hofstein comprised the Kiev school of Yiddish writers.

Dovid Hofstein, poet, born in the Ukraine who left the USSR in 1922 when he found his protest over the ban on Yiddish made him politically suspect. He returned from Palestine in 1926 when restrictions on writers were - temporarily - relaxed.

The man whose "accidental" death in a car crash early in 1948 was the forerunner of this purge was the actor-director-dramatist Solomon Mikhoels. He, too, was in Toronto in 1943 accompanying Colonel Feffer on his overseas tour. His name was publicly dragged in to the anti-Stalin conspiracy when the leading M.D.-conspirator in the Doctors' Plot was identified as his kinsman even though he had by then been dead five full years.

No show trials

The macabre story of the murdered Yiddish writers is not as widely known as the Doctors' Plot or the equally bloody Slansky affair in Prague of November, 1952. The reason is not far to seek. There was never any trial reported of these men. No charges were publicly specified; no arrests were ever announced; no defense was ever put forth in the Soviet courts.

No one outside of the Soviet Union - and very few within it - had any inkling of their fate or their whereabouts from 1948 until four years after their death, in 1956 when a Yiddish Communist paper in Poland, encouraged by the revelations of the Twentieth Party Congress earlier that year, "told all" in tones of shock and dismay. And even then the date of their death was still unknown until Leon Crystal, correspondent for the New York Jewish Daily Forward, when he was in the Soviet Union later that year found out that the date of the executions was August the 12th, 1952.

Why the secrecy and concealment in this case when there was no such attempt to hush up other political trials in the history of the USSR, has not been made clear. But we can speculate. The Arthur Koestler **Darkness At Noon** formula that worked in Moscow in 1937 and in Prague in 1952 - the appeal to the Communist activist's political conscience that the last service he can render for the good of the Party is to confess - failed to work this time.

These writers, though they had worked within the Communist framework and had toed the line when necessary, had not in the main been party members and had not assimilated into their being that peculiar psychology of party discipline that would bid them humiliate and prostrate themselves abjectly and agree to having committed imaginary crimes as a last gesture of subservience to the party. The writers would not confess to working with their American imperialist, bourgeois-nationalist masters, the Joint Distribution Committee to spy on the Soviet fatherland and would not give any consent to a trumped-up tale that the plan to colonize the Crimea with Jews was merely a ruse to turn the peninsula into an arsenal from which the anti-Sovieteers could attack Mother Russia, etc.

Paradoxically, as a result of their resistance to secret police pressures their end was silent and obscure, neither known not witnessed by anyone.

One might be tempted to suggest that the Soviets were too embarrassed to place on trial such respected writers with such good proletarian records. However, after what happened to the founding fathers of Boshevism in the trials of the late 1930's one could hardly attribute this kind of delicacy to the Soviets.

Repercussions

In Canada - and in Toronto specifically - the final admission (for no attempt was made to deny or soften the story in the Folk-Shtimme of Warsaw) that about 25 of the most prominent, most honored, and distinguished Yiddish writers of the Soviet Union had been cruelly and deliberately slain after a brutal and terror-laden imprisonment of four years, was disastrous for certain echelons of the Communist Party.

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Those of its Jewish members who had joined its ranks and milieu not only for its messianic and political promise but out of a special faith that the Bolsheviks had made the pogrom extinct, had outlawed anti-Semitism, removed effectively the anti-Jewish disabilities of the Czarist regime and was encouraging and creating a secular Yiddish culture which though it had no direct ties to the Jewish past was clearly Jewish in form and might point to a surviving Jewish future, now abandoned it en masse.

Several hundred led by Joseph B. Salsberg, former Labor-Progressive member of the Ontario Legislature, editor and party worker Sam Lipshitz and Morris Biederman, walked out of the United Jewish People's Order and formed the New Jewish Fraternal Association, an organization which is left of centre, is interested in the NDP, supports Israeli causes and is associated with the Jewish community as a whole. Salsberg, its current president, is at this moment chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress Committee on Soviet Jewry in Ontario and in February, 1971 travelled to Brussels at his own expense to attend a world Jewish conference on the conditions of the Jews in the Soviet Union.

LEIB KVITKO

Abortion, civil marriage, bring comments from readers

Dear Editor:

A recent article in **The Toronto Star,** discussing the philosophy of the proponents of childlessness, merits some comment.

That this sort of philosophy is discussed as a symbol of the "liberated female", as a sacrifice by benificent couples to maintain "zero population growth", and as a rationale for improving the quality of life, is most disconcerting.

One disturbing feature that deserves comment, is that many of the proponents of this philosophy of childlessness are Jewish. What they propose is a slow, insidious and certain "final solution of the Jewish problem". What external forces have been unable to accomplish for 2,000 years, proponents of this scheme would accomplish in a few decades.

One fallacy is apparent. If mature men and women, adults who possess average and above-average intelligence and aptitudes, members of the middle and upper class structures, are the couples who fail to reproduce; and if couples at the lower ends of the intellectual strata continue to reproduce, then one can easily foresee that the world of the future will be populated by the duplicates of the progeny of the latter.

I cannot comprehend, how responsible members of North American and European society, by limiting the size of their families, (or by not reproducing at all) will prevent over-population in Asia, Africa and India.

One consolation that we may have is that these couples will not be able to transmit their philosophy to their progeny.

Dr. Y. P. Shields
Downsview

Dear Editor:

In regard to your editorial on the fresh attempts in Israel to introduce civil marriage (July 7, 1972), we would like to clarify our position on this matter.

Agudath Israel, has even prior to the establishment of the State, contended that a Jewish State based on Torah is the only statehood acceptable to Orthodox Jewry. This ideology is based on the premise that Torah is the supreme governing power in Judaism and that there can be no divorce from it. To introduce civil marriages and divorces can only be looked upon as a further rejection of that cardinal principle in Judaism.

The agreement in 1947 between the leadership of Agudath Israel and the Jewish Agency made perfectly clear that the State would not infringe upon the integrity of the Halacha as the governing principles in regard to marriages and divorces in the new State. Indeed, the founding fathers of Israel agreed to abide by a status quo in all aspects of its religious life. In recent years, however, the secular leadership in Israel has systematically eaten away at the status quo agreement with an eye towards eventual separation of religion and State. The Chief Rabbinate of Israel, once recognized by the Government as the revered rabbinic authority, has in recent months come under persistent character assassination from government leaders for its intransigence in Halacha and its refusal to make Torah law more elastic to fit the secular modes of modern Israel, as was evidenced in the recent crisis over the election of a new Chief Rabbinate.

The alarming rate of intermarriage and assimilation in the world Jewish community further illustrates the need for greater controls of the social life of the Jewish people. The situation is particularly unfortunate since world Jewry looks up to Israel to set a responsible example, and by further encouraging intermarriage and assimilation she is inadvertently plunging Judaism into spiritual and moral decay.

Rabbi Menachem Lubinsky,
assistant to the president,
Agudath Israel of America

Dear Editor:

I don't think you are performing any service with your articles on the Hebrew-Christians. They won't do anything for the kids converted and will create hysteria in the community. Eventually they will harm Jewish-Christian relations.

Surely you don't want to be in the same category as a certain rabbi in the community who recently compared the Hebrew-Christians to Nazis. No doubt the good rabbi over-reacted with this kind of hyperbole in an unguarded moment. But aren't such statements consequences of your type of sensationalist articles?

Jerry Diamond
Downsview

Dear Editor:

I agree with Rick Kardonne that Oriental Sephardic music should be introduced to the North America Youth. It's about time. However, may I suggest also, that the CHIN's program, Shalom, include in their broadcast, excerpts of liturgical music that descendants of the Spanish Jews of Petah Tikvah Congregation have been singing exclusively among themselves, for the last 14 years or so, in Toronto? I am sure that the young public will find it as much "sophisticated and electric" as its Oriental Sephardic twin-sister. It presents incidentally a rich variety of melodies which may strike the ears of a connoisseur with an accent of fandango influence. Some may even discover in them the flamingo rhythm or perhaps just reminiscent of that savory flavor of the Malaga wine.

Mike Nesry
Toronto

Dear Editor:

Most Toronto Jews are better off than those elsewhere. Argentine anti - Semitism increases: a depression could lead to Hitler-like tragedy. Arab lands persecute Jews. Russian Jews are equal citizens unless they opt to remain Jews or try to emigrate. The United States is no longer the paradise it used to be. Western world freedom and prosperity have brought assimilation and intermarriage. Dedicated missionaries also capture large numbers, mainly our youth.

Israel resists Arab threats but even there Judaism is undermined by demands for relaxing Halacha. The demand to allow civil marriage will split world Jewry.

Theodor Herzl helped us re-establish Israel but said in 1897, "The return to Zion must be preceded by our return to Judaism." Saadyah Gaon said "Israel is a nation by reason only of his religion, by his possession of the Torah." To ignore or change Torah will jeopardize Judaism: there is then no purpose in having the State of Israel.

In **The Canadian Jewish News** of July 7, J. B. Salsberg quotes items of Perek - Ethics of the Fathers: gems of our philosophy. Our tradition is full of them but few modern Jews know this, a reason so many drift away, assimilate or fall prey to shallow half-truths of missionaries. Only a proper knowledge of Jewish learning can strengthen us to resist the siren calls of surrounding secularism. That we lost so many of our people to the culture of Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, Spain and now today's many cults shows the great need for Jewish learning.

We take for granted all our rights and privileges, we enjoy our unprecedented freedoms but we give little thought to all who went before us and made it easy for us. The treasure of our Jewish heritage is extremely rich yet most of us are completely unaware it exists. Only a proper Jewish education can help us understand what it means to be a Jew, what has united a scattered people the world over, for 1900 years, harried from land to land, mostly with only our Jewish knowledge to keep us alive.

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Garments are functional

Canadian loves Israel but not its fashions

By HOPE GARBER
(First of two articles)

When one dreams for years about visiting a country you acquire preconceived ideas.

My dream was Israel.

Over the last 24 years it became a State.

I was sure it had to be the most modern, fashion-conscious, "with it" country one could imagine.

Not so. . . . You can walk for miles and not see a well-dressed woman. What a blow to my fashion-saturated soul.

One typical "walking" day in Tel Aviv took me from the Sheraton Hotel to the famous Dizengoff Square (which is really a circle). En route you pass hundreds of people walking casually, or relaxing at sidewalk cafes. They are mostly young, under 25, and attractive.

Most Israeli girls don't seem to be as weight-conscious as we are. They are medium to short in height, olive complexioned, brown eyed, long haired and sexy. They are dressed in the uniform of the young, T-shirt and jeans. They have silver rings on every finger and they wear a lot of make-up.

There is another uniform in Israel and many wear it. It is the khaki of the defence forces and is worn with pride. The young women of Israel must spend three years in the army as soon as they leave high school.

The shops displaying clothes are not enticing to the fashion-conscious American woman. The garments are functional but not stylish.

I saw only one store that had fashion sense, both in display and in the clothes themselves. The average price in that shop was 425 pounds, equivalent to 100 American dollars. This store obviously caters to tourists because no Israeli woman that I met could afford those prices.

Hope Garber

Most of those that work don't earn much more than that in a month. The lingerie shops were cluttered with filmy things. But try to buy a decent bra. No way! And there is no control on sizing.

This can be disastrous when you are down to your last pair of panty-hose and the "extra-tall" turns out to be "mini-minor." I kept them for under slacks so I wouldn't lose them in public.

Knowing little about Israeli weather, I arrived in Tel Aviv on March 26 with spring clothes - slacks, sweaters and a few dresses. It was eighty degrees and over for the next two weeks. This necessitated the buying of a bathing suit, which I consider the most ego-destroying purchase I ever have to make. I try to keep a swim suit at least five years or longer. The last one stayed together for eight. I found one in the hotel shop and felt that nineteen dollars American was not excessive. The only thing excessive was me.

We went to the beach. At last, the Mediterranean, a dream come true. It was more like a nightmare. The girls, all sizes and shapes, were in the briefest bikinis, their skin was tanned and healthy, and they were in great shape. When I left Toronto I had to pay $35 in overweight, and that moment, I felt as if it was all on me. It didn't get any better. Israeli women cook fattening foods. The bread is delicious and the baked goods are out of this world.

A North American woman visiting Israel can make some great buys. Leather coats are made for tourists and so are the exquisite furs. The jewellery is fantastic and if you're careful you can make some exciting choices in semi-precious stones. Of course Israel has become world renowned for their beautiful knitwear. The Israeli woman relies primarily on her own sewing skill or on that of her dressmaker. She can sometimes find fabric that is different and interesting if she looks hard enough. The fabric used in the manufactured dresses I saw in the hotel shop was really lovely. I had no trouble in choosing two or three summer weight dresses I could enjoy, averaging about twenty-five dollars each.

When I go back to Israel, I'll be at least 15 pounds lighter in weight, and excess baggage. I'll have a good supply of bras, panty-hose and suntan lotion. The rest will take care of itself. Just to be in Jerusalem again, I would go bare-legged forever.

Mrs. Garber is the well known fashion expert whose public career includes many years as hostess and writer and co-ordinator of television and radio shows.

Dominating Yiddishe mama is non-Jewish in origin

The "Yiddishe mama," the domineering parent whose role is central in modern literature, is non-Jewish in origin, according to Dr. Harold Fisch, an Israeli scholar who is professor of English at Bar-Ilan University.

Speaking at Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women, Dr. Fisch said, "The dominating Jewish mother as she appears in the writings of Philip Roth, Brian Glanville, Bernard Kops and Henry Roth fills the vacuum created by the successful revolt against the father in the literature of the nineteenth century.

Dr. Fisch's views in this area will appear in the March issue of Midstream, under the title "Fathers, Mothers, Sons and Lovers."

While critical attention has often centred on the Jewish implications of this revolt, Dr. Fisch believes that the whole syndrome is in origin non-Jewish. "It starts from a generational conflict which hit Europe at the time of the French Revolution," Dr. Fisch said. "The first Yiddishe mama in modern literature is not a Jewess and she does not appear in a novel by a Jew. She is Mrs. Morel in D. H. Lawrence's Sons and Lovers, in 1913."

In the nineteenth century, Dr. Fisch continued, "The rejection of the repressive Puritan father and husband takes place, and is followed by a new family structure. The mother takes the central role. She does not wield the rod, but threatens to rob her offspring of his manhood. In Lawrence the oedipal victim seeks relief in the arms of the alien woman, a theme later echoed by Philip Roth in Portnoy's Complaint."

Dr. Fisch said that the "oedipal crisis" was not, in any specific sense, Jewish "just as some of its results - hippydom and drug culture are not peculiarly Jewish diseases.

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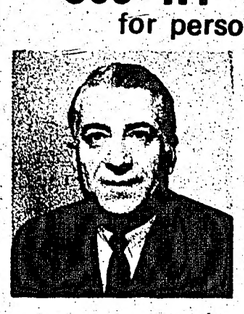

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A record purchase of $500,000 worth of State of Israel Bonds has been made by Upper Canada Lodge of B'nai B'rith. It will help the Israel government push ahead with urgent plans now on the drawing board for new factories, new settlements and towns and badly needed housing. Shown left to right are lodge officers Saul Cantor, 1st vice-president; Reg. Gilbert, president, holding $500,000 check; Adi Kolber, 3rd vice-president and Isadore Slabodkin, 2nd vice-president.

Amalgamation may be answer to Cote St. Luc school problem

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL - Environmental Minister Dr. Victor Goldbloom has suggested amalgamating the City of Cote St. Luc - for educational purposes - with one of two bordering municipalities as a possible method of enfranchising the residents of the suburb.

Dr. Goldbloom, whose riding in the National Assembly includes the City of Cote St. Luc, told a group of concerned citizens who are working with the suburban government that Quebec's legal department has given the green light to the option.

Cote St. Luc is under the jurisdiction of the Montreal Board of School Commissioners, whose 10 representatives are appointed equally by the City of Montreal and the provincial government.

The two suggested municipalities hold yearly staggered elections for all property owners with children under the age of 18.

Beatrice Kaplan, a spokesman for the citizens group said Dr. Goldbloom's suggestion "was one of the better one's we've heard, and probably the most feasible.

"However, we haven't discussed the matter with the two communities, and we don't know if a private bill on behalf of the municipality is in the offing."

Should the suggestion be adopted, annexation would effectively end over three decades of voter discrimination, not only for the Jews in the area - who form 75% of the population - but for all ethnic and religious groups living in the municipality.

The City of Cote St. Luc is annexed to the Montreal board whose members, by law, are appointed and restricted against Jews, "even though 90 per cent of the children attending Protestant schools are of the Jewish faith and a similar portion of the school taxes are paid to the Protestant panel."

The annexation procedures would require the approval by resolution from the Board of Commissioners and the board of the Cote St. Luc municipality.

"I believe," said Dr. Goldbloom, "that this would be sufficient legal authority for the department of education to recognize a combined school board resulting from a new distribution of territory.

Dr. Victor Goldbloom

"I'm not absolutely sure whether amalgamation would fulfill all the desires of the residents of Cote St. Luc," said Dr. Goldbloom, "but it would be my guess that the idea would not simply mean turning over the administration rights gained as a result of annexation."

Dr. Goldbloom said the one matter which would complicate the procedures would be the re-introduction of Educational Bill 28. The Bill proposes universal education sufferage for the province as well as the reorganization of the province's school boards along non-religious lines.

How to make the city beautiful

By CANDICE LICHTMAN

Toronto does not have to become a smoggy, congested city, thinks Joseph Rotenberg, if a creative eye is used to explore other possibilities.

Joseph's study of Toronto's eastern harbor area brought him the recognition of the city planning board as well as a scholarship from the University of Toronto where he is a fourth year student of architecture.

"It's a wasteland now," he says, "I wanted to see it become an integral part of the living community of Toronto: that it has housing, places to work, places of entertainment, parks, beaches, industrial areas which are clean and public utilities."

Joseph began his research by examining the pollution problems around the port. As part of his program of study, he worked in consultation with his professors on the project instead of attending formal lectures. Talking with residents of the area and using public documents from city work, federal reports and pollution probe helped him formulate his suggestions. The city planning board has reacted to his report by setting up a working committee to recommend how best to proceed in the area.

The planning board also hired Joseph for the summer as a temporary staff member. His job is to walk through each street in a downtown section of the city, noting the character of different areas, marking down what he thinks is of value and taking photographs as a record. He then draws a series of detailed maps and recommends what he thinks might be built in gaps that exist.

For an imaginative downtown, Joseph is suggesting to the planning board that buildings be painted lively colors, paved islands made more dramatic with fountains and flowers and that parking lots be of the more efficient, stacked level kind to save space for other needs.

'Giving vital' Genossar

NORTH BAY - Simcha Genossar, Israeli sociologist, told the Jewish community here that increased giving is vital for the welfare of Soviet Jewry emigrating to Israel. He is special representative for projects, Keren Hayesod - United Israel Appeal.

"We must keep the promise and help to the best of our potential," he said. "This is the responsibility of each and every Jew."

Presiding at the meeting was Ben Herman, chairman of the North Bay UJA campaign.

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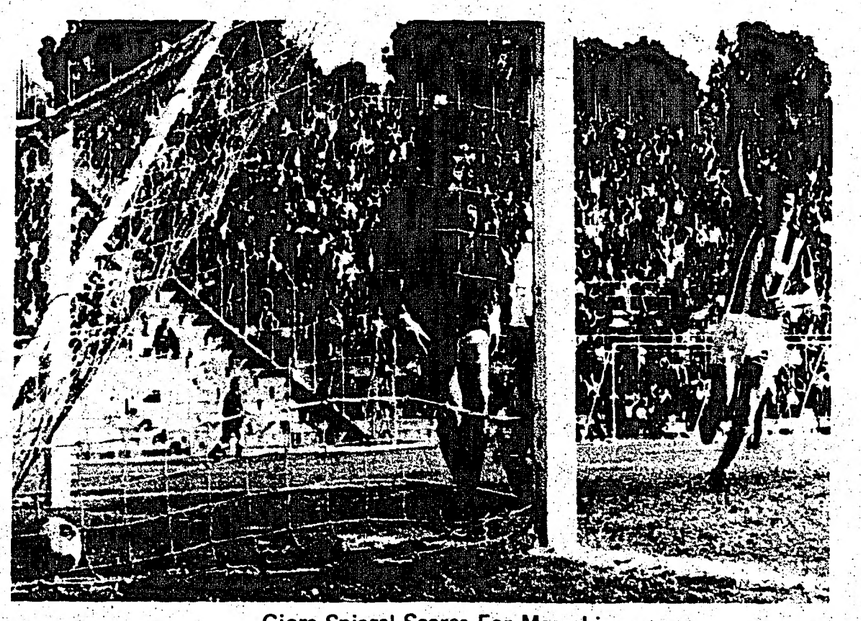

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International news

Dr. Herzog

Name law school after late diplomat

RAMAT-GAN, Israel -

Bar-Ilan University is to name its law school after the late Dr. Yaacov Herzog, former director general of the Prime Minister's Office, and onetime Israeli ambassador to Canada. He died in Ottawa some months ago.

Rabbi Dr. Joseph L. Lookstein, chancellor of the university, said that Dr. Herzog had been close to the university since its inception and had served as an active member of the board of trustees for many years.

The university plans to raise $10 million for a new law centre on the campus which will house the law school, a large law library, a model court and other facilities.

Scholar asserts women's Lib backed by Judaism

NEW YORK, N.Y. -

A Talmud scholar told a group of Yeshiva University undergraduates that traditional Judaism entirely supports the women's liberation view that women not be enslaved economically and "not be treated as sexual objects from which to derive enrjoyment or benefit."

Rabbi Yehuda Parnes, a member of the Yeshiva University - affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, cited Biblical passages and commentaries indicating that a man must consider his wife as a person of worth, as a person in her own right.

Rabbi Parnes said that according to Jewish tradition, woman was not inferior to man. The difference between man and woman, he said, is that they play different roles. The man, aggressive in nature, plays the dominant role or the role of leader. "Retiring and sensitive in nature, the woman does not play the role of leader, and must direct her prime energies to the family."

The fact that she is the retiring, nondominant partner, Rabbi Parnes said, does not mean "that her interests and talents are to be suppressed. The woman's prime role is as wife and mother, and she is supposed to fill this role to her best capabilities. However, if she has additional time - perhaps she has the means of hiring help to free her from some household duties - then there is nothing to stop her from pursuing her own interests. When the children are older, there is certainly nothing which says she must be tied to the house."

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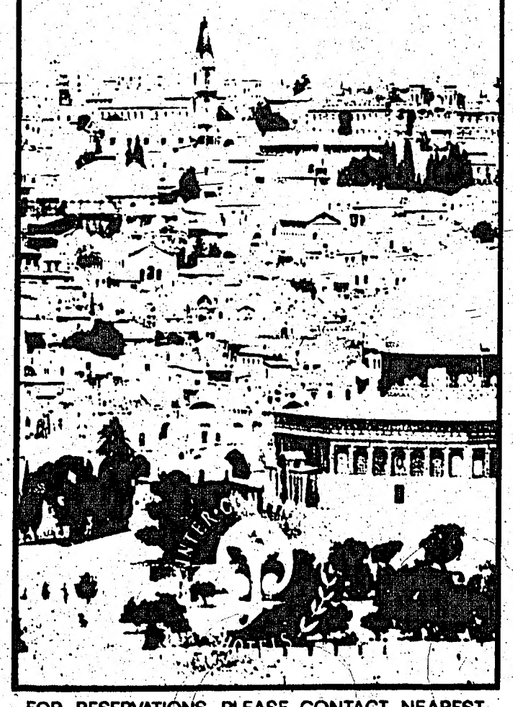

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Dr. Rabinovich

Zionist writer dies

TORONTO –
Dr. Isaiah Rabinovich, educator, Hebrew writer and labor Zionist, died in Toronto at the age of 69. He was for many years principal of the Toronto Farband Folk School and later a faculty member of the College of Jewish Studies in Chicago before retiring.

Dr. Rabinovich received his doctorate from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. He was the author of several books on Hebrew letters: **Hasifrut Bemashber Hador** (Literature in the Crisis of our Generation), **Yetzer V'tzirah** (Impulse and Creativity), **Ner Dolek** (A Burning Candle) and **B'Hevley Doram** (Studies in Hebrew Literature of the 1920's and 1930's). He received the Louis Lamed Prize in 1947.

He is survived by his son Solomon Rabinovich, a physician.

Background affects ability

NEW YORK –
A study among Israeli children has shown that Jews from different social class and cultural backgrounds display various patterns of mental abilities.

The study was completed at Yeshiva University's Ferkauf Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences by Blanka Burg, who had served as a supervisor and inspector with Israel's Ministry of Education and Culture in Jerusalem, in the centre for culturally disadvantaged (different) children. Miss Burg will receive a Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University's Annual Commencement.

The subjects of the study were 320 first-grade children in Tel Aviv schools, who came from four cultural groups: European, Iraqi, North African and Yemenits. They were tested in four areas: verbal, ability reasoning, number facility and space conceptualization.

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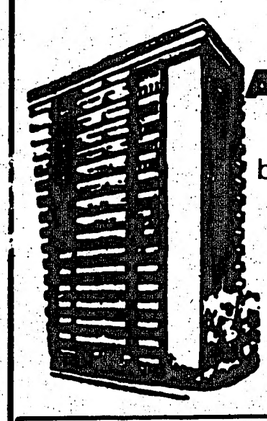

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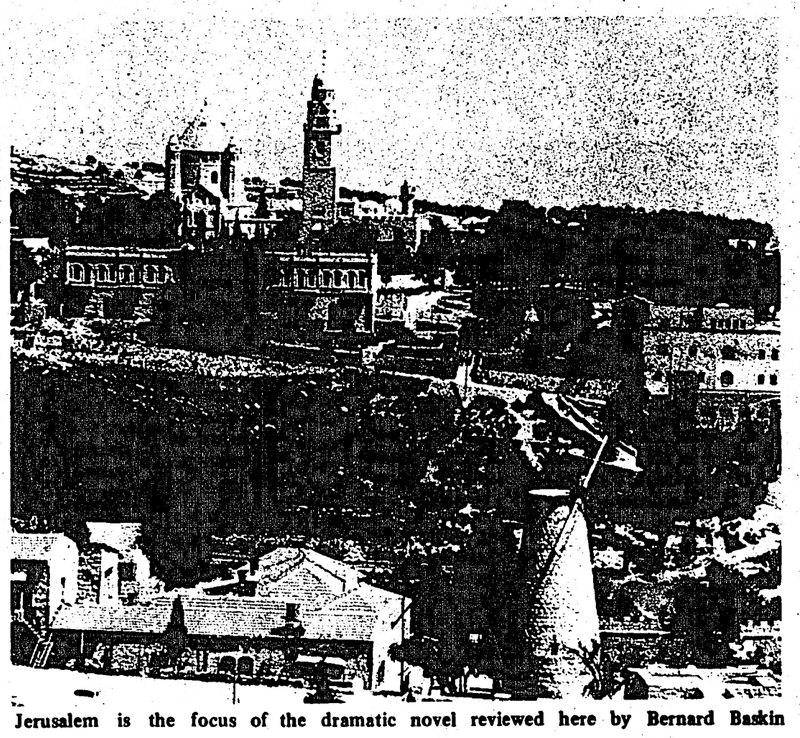

Jerusalem is the focus of the dramatic novel reviewed here by Bernard Baskin

Drama of Israel's creation documented in O Jerusalem

book review

BY BERNARD BASKIN

by Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre Simon and Schuster

This is a blockbusting book - a torrential narrative that sweeps the reader irresistibly into the maelstrom of events that led to the creation of the State of Israel and its fight for existence.

Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre, two exceptional story-tellers, co-authors of those ingenious best-sellers **Is Paris Burning?** and **Or I'll Dress You in Mourning,** have been tireless in their efforts to achieve a full-rounded and complete account of the events and personalities involved in the violent struggle that raged around the city of Jerusalem. The result of five years of intensive research and hundreds of interviews, **O Jerusalem,** is even-handed and impartial in its recounting of complex, emotion-laden issues. It is fast-paced and graphic in its presentation, and informative in its wealth of dramatic detail.

There is much in the book that will bring pride, satisfaction and reassurance to Jewish readers. We must be grateful to Ben Gurion and other leaders who with great foresight prepared for the showdown they felt was inevitable. We must marvel at the bravery and fortitude of raw recruits, some of them only a few days in the country, the tenacity of untried civilians and the ingenuity and resourcefulness of the Israeli Defence forces.

Israel, of course, was fortunate in a foe that displayed shocking ineptitude, engaged in constant bickering and acrimony and had no real stomach for battle. A mammoth Arab error was agreeing to a 30-day period of cease-fire during which Israel was able to reap the harvest of its European arms purchases.

Some aspects of the drama will revive controversies and open old wounds. Among these is the refusal of the Irgun and Stern Gang to accept the discipline of the Haganah and who were responsible for the outrage at Deir Yassin. Although the killing of unarmed men, women and children was denounced by Israeli leaders and the guilty parties excommunicated by the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, the story of the tragic event is still an Arab rallying call. A source of surprise to me was the unwillingness of the Palmach to participate in some joint actions and the looting by Jewish soldiers that followed several encounters.

Briefly told is the short-lived Irgun insurrection in Tel Aviv during which 83 persons were killed and wounded, and the Altalena - laden with precious arms for the Irgun - was sunk by the Haganah. Even in the face of a common enemy the fledgling State could not find necessary unity.

And of course, there was the bitter price. More than 6,000 persons, military and civilian, had lost their lives. "These losses would have represented, on a proportional basis two million Americans, more men than the United States lost in two World Wars."

Some readers may find objectionable such techniques as flashbacks, simultaneous description, picturesque vignettes and fictional flounces. But these add interest and richness to the engrossing story.

Others may find the description of the three unsuccessful attempts to take Latrun, the salient that controlled the road to Jerusalem too detailed and sanguinary. But a full depiction of the battles is necessary for an understanding of the importance of the only road that led from Tel Aviv to the sorely tried and beleaguered city.

The splendid photographs, chapter notes, copious bibliography and detailed index add to the usefulness of the volume.

No one interested in the dramatic and portentous events that engulfed the city of Jerusalem and the creation of Israel should miss this outstanding literary achievement.

Berhard Baskin, is rabbi of Temple Anshe Sholom, Hamilton.

Seminar marred by poor adult attendance

By CANDICE LICHTMAN

TORONTO -

Norman Dadoun started taking drugs five years ago at the age of twelve "more for curiosity than anything else; I didn't use it as an escape." he told about 75 teenagers who met at the BBYO house last week for an open discussion about drugs.

Students from Community Awareness Program (CAP '72) who organized the symposium at a drop-in centre they are operating through an OFY grant, were disappointed that parents for whom the seminar had been intended, did not attend in larger numbers. After distributing pamphlets at various shopping plazas, they had expected that more adults would come to the discussion to hear a user's opinions about drugs.

Norman attributed his progression into chemicals and harder drugs to their availability and his environment. Because of "hassles at home" he began living in different parts of the city where he formed relationships with people "who do drugs."

Except for one month when Norman became "strung out on speed" he does not feel that drugs have had a detrimental effect but have instead enhanced his ability to "pick things out of the environment and look at a different aspect."

Gil Goldstein, a social worker at the Jewish Family and Child Service questioned the ability of someone under the influence of drugs to function properly or form friendships with other people. A drug user, he feels is not often available to meet the needs of his friends.

Norman finds most parents refuse to discuss drugs at all with their kids. He added, "I am treated by some straight people as an outcast: my hair, my general appearance. People just take a look at me and say he's nothing, he's nobody."

Jack DeBoer of the Ontario Addiction Research Foundation, compared taking drugs to the drinking of alcohol, saying that "there is a sophisticated use that does not lead to abuse."

He agreed with Norman that parents of his generation do not make an effort to listen to what their teenage childrens' values are.

Toronto island in the spring would be ideal natural setting for Jewish festival of the arts

By RICK KARDONNE

Why not a Jewish Arts Festival late next spring on Toronto Island?

The festival would be held on the format of Mariposa, with six to 10 different workshops and about five concerts of various aspects of Jewish and Israeli music and Yiddish theatre.

The workshops would be held on such topics as contemporary Israeli music, Sephardic music, the influence of Jewish music and theatre on Broadway and American popular styles, the Jewish presence and influence on modern art, Israeli dance, Yiddish theatre, Chassidic music, cantorial music, etcetera. The concerts would consist of three contemporary Israeli pop entertainers, Yiddish singing, and, hopefully, people such as Leonard Cohen or Bob Dylan, who would not be individually advertised in the Western "superstar" fashion but who would contribute to the program within its total framework.

This festival would be promoted and advertised throughout North America. Why Toronto? Because Toronto is centrally located between the major Eastern and Midwest Jewish population centres; because Toronto Island is the ideal nature setting close to the heart of downtown which exists in no other North American city, and because Toronto, being a city which actively promotes ethnic heterogeneity as being a positive cultural virtue, would be most conducive to such a festival. It would be the first of its kind anywhere in North America.

The Israeli entertainment would be arranged through the Israeli Embassy in Ottawa. The rest of the program could be gathered from New York, Toronto and Montreal. Organizations such as the Canadian Jewish Theatre, New York's Congress for Jewish Culture, and countless others throughout the East would, in my opinion, be only too glad to furnish us with names of first-rate performers.

Such a festival would be the most obvious and most dramatic counter-move to the Jesus movement and the serious problem of Jewish youth converting to Christianity. Careful consultation with the organizers of Mariposa would be the most obvious way to ensure a smooth administration of such a festival, since Mariposa is the most successful North American program of this type. A Canadian Jewish Congress investment in such an idea, guided by skillful planning and sincere idealism, would be a fundamental prerequisite toward ensuring a major concrete action which would effectively combat the missionary threat.

By emphasizing the very real Jewish-derived imprint on North American mainstream contemporary culture in the past, as well as the traditional Ashkenazic and Sephardic forms and the present-day Israeli scene, I am sure that such a Jewish Arts Festival would attract up to 30,000 people from all over North America.

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